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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

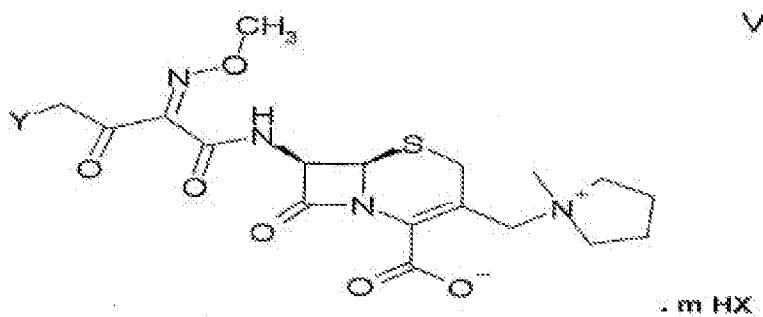
Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 19, wherein the compound of formula IIA or IIB is a compound of formula IIA wherein n is 1 or 2.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 19, wherein pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-iodide monohydrate is used.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 19, wherein pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-chloride or pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxylato-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-dihydrochloride is used, optionally in solvated form.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A compound of formula V



wherein Y and X are Cl and wherein m=1.

Claim 6 (Original). A compound as claimed in claim 5 in crystalline form wherein the compound of formula V is in free base or acid addition salt form.

Claim 7 (Original). A compound as claimed in claim 6 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern substantially as that shown in Figure 1 or Figure 2.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). A process according to claim 19, wherein 4-chloro-2-methoxyimino-3-oxo-butyryl chloride is used as the reactive derivative of formula III.